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Langley Research Center Safety Alert

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TO: Facility Safety Heads
Facility Coordinators

FROM: 429/Head, Office of Safety and Facility Assurance, OSEMA

SUBJECT: Asbestos Configuration Management Program (ACMP)

REF: (a) LHB 1740.4, "Facility System Safety Analysis and Configuration Management," March 1992
(b) LHB 1740.2, "Facility Safety Requirement," September 1994
(c) LHB 1740.3, "Facility Safety Head and Facility Coordinator Guide," July 1983

A couple of "near-misses" involving potential asbestos exposure in our facilities have recently occurred. The Office of Safety and Facility Assurance, OSEMA, felt that Facility Safety Heads and Coordinators should be reminded of the Asbestos Configuration Management Program, and your responsibilities in implementing the program.

1. The ACMP was established to increase asbestos safety awareness, minimize the risk of asbestos exposure to people and establish controls to prevent the release of asbestos fibers in Center facilities. The cited references set minimum required facility safety standards and provide information and guidelines to Facility Safety Heads and Facility Coordinators relative to the LaRC Safety Program.
2. LaRC policy, requires that prior to any operation involving removal, repair, or any other procedure which may release airborne asbestos, an inspection must be done to evaluate potential hazards and recommend appropriate controls.

Policy also requires an inspection team, one member being the Facility Safety Head or Facility Coordinator, which will establish operational and control procedures to be documented through issuance of an "Asbestos Safety Permit."

3. Finally, when new asbestos is identified or removed a report is required to keep facility documentation current.
4. Please direct any questions to the Safety Manager, at extension 47233.

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